TV Tower in Kutch Region

1611. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that TV tower installed at Samatra village in Kutch region has only 10 Km. radiating power against the 210 K.W. of P.TV resulting in jamming the Indian TV;

(b) if so, the facts in details; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take for setting up more low power transmitters ranging between 100 to 300 watts on the lines of Panandhro?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The 10KW TV transmitter at Bhuj (Samatra Village) with 300M tower has an Effective Radiating Power of 100 KW. This transmitter has a coverage range of 80—100 Kms. Under certain seasonal conditions such as during pre-Monsoon and Monsoon, weak and irregular signals are received from Pak TV transmitters in the border areas of Gujarat. However, the transmission from Bhuj transmitter is normal and no jamming has been reported.

(c) The Ministry has commissioned a study to ascertain the reach and quality of signals of AIR and Doordarshan along the Western borders so as to formulate an appropriate scheme.